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House No. HB1789  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-14-101, relative to the termination of the industrial and agricultural development commission and creation of the Tennessee Board of Economic Growth.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-14-101, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) An economic development board, to be known as the Tennessee Board for Economic Growth, is created and established as an advisory board to the commissioner of economic and community development. The board shall strive to facilitate growth in the economy of the State of Tennessee in the areas of manufacturing, business, and agriculture.

(b) Tennessee board for economic growth shall replace the industrial and agricultural development commission. The industrial and agricultural commission shall terminate upon this bill becoming a law.

(c) The board shall consist of eight (8) ex-officio members who shall be the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the

commissioner of economic and community development, the commissioner of agriculture, the president of the University of Tennessee, the chancellor of the board of regents, and a representative from TVA. There shall be ten (10) additional members appointed by the governor, and three (3) shall be residents of each of the three (3) grand geographical divisions of the state and one (1) shall be from the state at large. The appointed members shall be competent to serve on the board by reason of experience in the field of economic development initiatives or equivalent experience within industry.

(d) The term of each appointive board member shall be four (4) years; except that in the initial appointment by the governor, five (5) shall be designated by the governor to serve for four (4) years, and five (5) shall be designated by the governor to serve for two (2) years. The initial members who are appointed to a two year term may be appointed by the governor to serve an additional four (4) year term. No other appointed member shall serve more than one (1) term.

(e) The appointments shall be made by the governor to reflect and recognize the many diversities of the population of the state of Tennessee.

(f) All members of the board shall serve without compensation, but they shall be allotted necessary traveling expenses while engaged in the work of or for the board. The department of economic and community development shall fund the reimbursement of travel expenses and meeting costs of the board. Any research and support efforts to develop the initiatives of the board shall be provided and funded by the department of economic and community development.

(g) The governor may remove a member of the board for cause specified in writing, prior to the expiration of the term.

(h) Any vacancy in the appointive membership shall be filled by the governor for the unexpired term.

(i) The governor shall be the chairperson of the board.

The governor shall appoint, from one (1) of the appointive members, a vice chairperson to serve as the governor's representative. The vice chairperson shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(j) The board shall adopt rules for the transaction of its business and shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions and decisions.

(k) It is the duty and function of the board to:

(1) Advise the governor in establishing all major policy decisions for the department of economic and community development;

(2) Review and recommend to the governor and the legislature the budget for the department of economic and community development;

(3) Recommend to the commissioner and the governor programs which would contribute to Tennessee's economic and community development for implementation by appropriate state departments and agencies;

(4) Review and recommend to the governor and the legislature items that shall promote Tennessee's pro-business initiatives;

(5) Recommend to the commissioner organizational structural changes necessary for the department of economic and community development;

(6) Review all major issues effecting the department; and,

(7) Coordinate, review, educate, and initiate continuous information to and from all chambers of commerce, planning agencies, regional initiatives, city councils, and county commissions.

(l) The governor may appoint from among the membership of the board various working committees including, but not limited to, committees on the following subjects: economic development, community development, tourism development, and marketing and advertising.

(m) All reimbursement for travel expenses of the members of the Tennessee board for economic growth shall be in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.